Small Scale Industries in Assam

133. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the effective measures being taken by Government to establish small scale industries in the State of Assam;

(b) the amount allocated for the same during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more small scale industries in rural areas of the State during the Ninth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) In order to facilitate establishment of small scale industries in the State of Assam, the Central Government had set up the Small Industries Service Institute at Guwahati with branches at Silchar and Tezpur under the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO). These Institutes organise training programmes for Skill/Entrepreneurship/ Management development, carry out motivational campaigns throughout the State, provide techno-managerial guidance, consultancy, supply project profiles, conduct various economic surveys, potential surveys, give extension services and common facilities for small scale sector and also disseminate all kinds of data and information relating to all schemes/projects/programmes launched by Government, exports and indigenous market situations. An Entrepreneur Development Institute at Guwahati has been set up

to cater to local needs. A Tool Room and Training Centre is also being set up at Guwahati at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.28 crores, to design and manufacture tools, dies and jigs, fixtures, etc., impart training on these areas and introduce CAD/CAM to facilitate manufacture of tools. Under the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme, one Centre has been sanctioned at Darrang. Under the National Programme for Rural Industrialization, 10 clusters have been selected by SIDO, KVIC, SIDBI, NABARD and State Government of Assam for technology upgradation. To boost the growth of the small scale sector in the North-East Region including Assam, the following extra benefits have been introduced:—

(i) Funding pattern for IID changed from 2:3 between Government of India and SIDBI to 4:1. The Government of India funds would be in the nature of grant. The IID Centres become tax-free zones for purposes of income tax and excise duty for a period of 10 years.

(ii) An interest subsidy of 3% on the working captial loans would be provided for a period of 10 years after the commencement of production.

(iii) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for industrial units set up after 24.12.1997 has been put in place.

(iv) Under the Capital Investment Scheme, subsidy @ 15% of the investment in plant and machinery subject to a ceilling of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is available.

(v) Transport subsidy Scheme has been extended by 7 years upto 31.03.2007 and amount to be disbursed through the North-East Development Finance Corporation.

Besides these, NSIC is having a Regional Office and a Demonstration-cum-Training Centre at Guwahati to promote and support the SSI Units in Assam. It also supplies indigenous and imported machines under its hire-purchase and equipment leasing scheme, provides marketing support and raw material assistance, enlists small scale units for government supply, conducts training programmes etc. SIDBI is providing financial assistance for the establishment of small scale industries in Assam.

(b) Funds for the promotion of Small Scale Industries are not allocated State-wise.

(c) and (d) Setting up of Small Scale Industries is the role of private non-Governmental entrepreneurs. Government does not set up small scale industries.

Regulatory Authority for small scale industries

†134. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Small Scale Industries have submitted any memorandum to Government to set up a Regulatory

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